30th March 1963]

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES.

(1) Dr. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIAR.

(2) Sri K. BALASUBRAMANIA AYYAR.

(3) Dr. P. V. RAJAMANNAR.

(4) Sri K. RAJA RAM.

(5) Sri J. PONNUSAMY VILLAVARAYAR.

(6) Sri K. RAMADASS.

(7) Sri K. R. RAMASAMY.

Under Rule 176 (1), I have nominated Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar to be the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances.

(2) MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have received a message from the Hon. Speaker, Legislative Assembly, transmitting a copy of the Industrial Disputes (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1963 (L.A. Bill No. 7 of 1963) as passed by the Assembly for the concurrence of the Council.

I have also received a message from the Hon. Speaker Legislative Assembly, transmitting a copy of the Resolution passed by the Assembly :

'That thisHouse recommends to the Legislative Council that they do nominate three members from the Council to associate with the Committee on Subordinate Legislation of this House for the financial year 1963–64 and communicate to this House the name of the Members so nominated.'

III.—CALLING ATTENTION TO ENFORCEMENT OF GOLD CONTROL RULES IN THE CASE OF GOLD LACE USED IN SILK SAREES.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, with your permission I wish to call the attention of the Hon. Chief Minister under Rule 42 of the Council Rules to a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the enforcement of Gold Control Rules in the case of gold lace used in silk sarees for which the manufacturers of Kancheepuram silk sarees are compelled to take out licences and maintain and produce accounts, as a consequence of which thousands of weavers of silk sarees at Kancheepuram are threatened with unemployment, and the production of Kancheepuram silk sarees is affected, as these manufacturers of silk sarees are not able to get and distribute lace.

Even though this matter is within the purview of the Government of India, this Government being responsible to the people of this State for anything that affects the people of this State, this Government should take action and make strong representations to the Centre to remove these difficulties.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the points raised by the hon. Member are mainly under the Government of India's purview. According to the rules framed by the Government of India, sari with gold content exceeding 9 carat purity will come within the scope of the Gold Control Rules. The question of filling declarations under the Gold Control Rules has been left to the discretion of the merchants depending upon the purity of gold and variety of zari used by them. At a meeting held at Kancheepuram on 2nd February 1963 before the Assistant Collector of Central Excise, some of the silk zari merchants using zari expected to contain gold of 9 carat and more themselves unanimously decided it expedient to file their declarations and apply for licences. So far 167 declarations have been filed by merchants out of which 101 persons have applied for licences. Some of the Silk Zari Merchants have neither filed declarations nor applied for licences. The Central Excise Department has raised no objection for using the stocks of zari by the merchants. The information with the Government is that the silk zari merchants have not been compelled at any stage for filing declarations or applying for licences. There need be no apprehension of any unemployment or of production being affected on this count.

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) MOTION UNDER RULE 23 (1) OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move :

'That Rule 23 (1) of the Madras Legislative Council Rules be suspended and this House do resolve to transact Government Business on Saturday, the 30th March 1963.'

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is :

'That Rule 23 (1) of the Madras Legislative Council Rules be suspended and this House do resolve to transact Government Business on Saturday, the 30th March 1963.'

The motion was put and carried.

(2) ASSOCIATION OF THREE MEMBERS WITH THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATRAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move :

'That this House nominates the following three members to associate with the Committee on Subordinate Legislation of the Legislative Assembly for the financial year 1963–64 :—

Dr. P. V. RAJAMANNAR.
Sri K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR.
Sri M. SESHACHARIAR.